

Table 55. Selected Operator Characteristics for Principal, Second, and Third Operator: 2012

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Characteristics	All operators ¹	Principal operator	Second operator	Third operator
Operators number	61,053	42,257	16,196	2,600
Sex of operator:				
Male	43,274	35,853	5,907	1,514
Spouse of principal operator	1,917	(X)	1,883	34
Female	17,779	6,404	10,289	1,086
Spouse of principal operator	9,488	(X)	9,232	256
Primary occupation:				
Farming	26,795	19,858	5,973	964
Other	34,258	22,399	10,223	1,636
Place of residence:				
On farm operated	46,594	32,751	12,378	1,465
Not on farm operated	14,459	9,506	3,818	1,135
Days worked off farm:				
None	24,822	17,798	6,101	923
Any	36,231	24,459	10,095	1,677
1 to 49 days	4,467	3,017	1,273	177
50 to 99 days	2,720	1,804	779	137
100 to 199 days	5,172	3,439	1,509	224
200 days or more	23,872	16,199	6,534	1,139
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less	2,745	1,397	983	365
3 or 4 years	3,849	2,255	1,299	295
5 to 9 years	10,431	6,331	3,445	655
10 years or more	44,028	32,274	10,469	1,285
Years operating any farm (see text):				
2 years or less	2,131	1,032	783	316
3 or 4 years	3,255	1,836	1,146	273
5 to 9 years	9,271	5,504	3,151	616
10 years or more	46,396	33,885	11,116	1,395
Age group:				
Under 25 years	813	153	287	373
25 to 34 years	3,237	1,689	1,136	412
35 to 44 years	6,387	3,649	2,330	408
45 to 54 years	12,995	8,343	4,144	508
55 to 64 years	17,321	12,264	4,555	502
65 to 74 years	13,649	10,458	2,917	274
75 years and over	6,651	5,701	827	123
Average age	57.7	59.9	54.1	46.0
Number of persons living in household	123,727	104,529	15,051	4,147

¹ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.